



## Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel

July 17, 1942 - August 14, 2023

Melvyn L. Rasel, 81, of Plum, formerly of Irwin, was greeted by God after a long and courageous battle with Kidney Disease on Monday, August 14, 2023. He was born July 17, 1942 in Pittsburgh, the son of the late Dr. Harry C. Rasel and Agnes "Honey" Boyle.

Mel graduated from Norwin Class of '61 and Cal U PA Class of '70 where he patiently waited through four U.S. Presidential Administrations to meet his future bride Priscilla Allen.

The vastness, loyalty and sincerity of his friendships gave his son a completely unrealistic expectation of to expect in life. He loved his friends with fidelity which was reciprocated in immeasurable ways throughout his adventure of life.

Mel was a member of the American Legion Post 359, American Legion Pool League, Greater Pittsburgh Dance Club, Boogie Club of Pittsburgh, White Oak Gun Club, former board member of Monroeville Mall, and an avid model train collector/builder.

Mel served honorably in the Army National Guard, loved his country and was an unabashed Republican.

A passion for dancing brought the most joy to Mel. A tremendous dancer and music lover Mel would "boogie" every weekend. It was his greatest expression of self and cultivator of new friendships.

Mel was most saddened to leave his bride of 50 years Priscilla (PJ). If ever a man loved a woman, Mel loved his PJ. He is survived by his devoted son and

best friend Brian, his cherished daughter in law Caitlyn and the absolute joys of his life granddaughters Reagan, Remi Jane and soon to be grandson. Mel also leaves behind his brother Micheal (Berk) Rasel, the most faithful and selfless sister a man could pray for Maureen (Tom) Clemmons, his sister in law Darlene Rasel and numerous nieces and nephews and his faithful friends. He was preceded in death by a brother Martin Rasel.

The family wants to extend their deepest thanks to Davita Monroeville Dialysis for giving extending his life and to Transitions Healthcare for their kindness and support at the end.

All are invited to pay their respects from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday at the William Snyder Funeral Home 521 Main St. Irwin, PA 15642. The family encourages all friends to attend a Mass of Christian Burial, Saturday at 9 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin. Interment will follow in Good Shepherd Cemetery, Monroeville. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the National Kidney Foundation. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralservices.com](http://www.snyderfuneralservices.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Good Shepherd Cemetery

733 Patton Street  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

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AUG 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 19. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (ET)

Church of the Immaculate Conception  
308 2nd street  
Irwin, PA 15642

# Tribute Wall



“ *Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM

FM

*I served with Mel at Ft Sill OK in 1967. He was a great man, good soldier and entertaining friend. I still remember some of his humor and wit.*

Frank McGuirt - June 05, 2024 at 11:24 PM

KP

“ *Mrs. Rasel,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers go out to you and your family and please know that you are in my thoughts!*

*Love,  
Kim Piekut (McCann)  
Electric Plan Kindergarten Class of 1974*

Kim Piekut - August 27, 2023 at 02:37 PM

CH

“ *My deepest sympathy to Melvin's family. I'm so sorry to hear of his passing. We hung out a lot together from grade school at Immaculate Conception through Norwin High School. He was always cheerful and happy-go-lucky. A great friend sadly missed. I'll donate to NKF in his memory. RIP 🙏*

Carl Haas - August 18, 2023 at 12:17 PM

 Terri Stouffer

“ *We are sorry for your loss. Linda and Terri Stouffer*

Terri Stouffer - August 18, 2023 at 10:53 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



August 18, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



August 17, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.

August 17, 2023 at 07:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



August 17, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



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August 17, 2023 at 11:33 AM



“ *Mel and I were Delta Sigma Phi fraternity brothers. Mel and PJ visited Tina and me on one or more occasions in Lynchburg, VA. Mel always kept things lively while we were in College.*

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**James "Skip" Kughn** - August 17, 2023 at 08:40 AM



“ *Enduring Grace* was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



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August 17, 2023 at 06:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



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August 16, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.

August 16, 2023 at 10:55 PM



“ Mel was a dear person and a great joy. Beth and I send our deep condolences. Bruce Boyle

**Bruce Boyle** - August 16, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



August 16, 2023 at 03:41 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



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AW

“ Condolences to you and your family Maureen from Chaplain Amery L. Weaver and the Corbitt family, Harrisburg, Pa



amery weaver - August 16, 2023 at 02:48 PM

KH

“ I have never seen Mel without a bright smile! He will be missed ❤️

Kathy Hobaugh - August 16, 2023 at 02:07 PM



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August 16, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.



August 16, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.*



August 16, 2023 at 05:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Melvyn L. "Mel" Rasel.*



August 15, 2023 at 09:26 PM



“ *PJ,  
I am so very sorry for your loss. You have such beautiful memories and a wonderful son and family. Please take care and know that you and your family are in my prayers.  
MJ Campbell*

**Mary Jo Campbell** - August 15, 2023 at 08:32 PM



*PJ, We were sorry to hear the news of your dear Mel's passing. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Dot & Don Lamuth*

**Dorothy Lamuth** - August 16, 2023 at 08:08 PM



*My condolences to Mel's family. He will always be remembered for his love of dancing in the Norwin gym.*

*Linda Jones Sikora, 1993 graduated of Norwin.*

**linda L sikora** - August 18, 2023 at 01:01 PM

CM

*Priscilla, our condolences to you and your family. Dawn and I were just talking about you. Remembering what a sweet teacher you were. Your first year teaching was amazing luck for us having you. God bless you and your family.*

*Cheryl McCann. 🙏*

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**cheryl mccann** - August 25, 2023 at 04:44 PM